



In Transit July/August 2011

A Newsletter for King County Metro Transit Employees



*From the desk
of the General
Manager*

Council deliberates on Metro's future

The Metropolitan King County Council will meet Aug. 15 to make a decision on a proposed Congestion Reduction Charge to help fund Metro Transit for the next two years.

Our local economy remains sluggish, and so do revenues from the sales tax—which provide the majority of Metro's funding. Even with all the cost-cutting and efficiency measures we've taken (tightening schedules, reducing staff positions, negotiating cost-saving labor agreements, and raising fares four times in the past four years), we still face a continuing revenue shortfall of \$60 million a year.

In a previous column, I said we would have to demonstrate fiscal efficiency and responsibility to earn the right to ask for new revenue. We've done that.

That's why the state legislature gave King County the authority to enact an annual charge of up to \$20 on every vehicle licensed in King County for each of the next two years. Funding from this charge would enable us to maintain most service while we work with regional and state leaders to find a sustainable funding source. No other agency was granted such authority.

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A stellar employee gets recognition from his peers (see page 2 for the story).

Preparations underway for RapidRide B Line

The RapidRide B Line is set to begin operation Oct. 1 between the Bellevue Transit Center and the Redmond Transit Center via Crossroads and Overlake.



**New shelters are going
in along the B Line
route in Bellevue and
Redmond.**

which integrates fare collection, radio communication, stop annunciation, and GPS functions (which make it possible to provide RapidRide riders with real-time bus arrival and location information).

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With the start of this new service only months away, preparations are picking up in the Operations and Vehicle Maintenance sections. As each of 16 new B Line buses arrives, Component Supply Center staff members schedule and coordinate work on them, and the Radio Shop does its part to ready the buses for service.

Metro must make sure that each bus meets safety requirements and procurement specifications, and install new Motorola 750Hz radios, ORCA equipment, and fareboxes. Each RapidRide bus carries

the new
On Board
System,

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General Manager

The Council held four public hearings on the issue, attended by some 1,500 people in all. In hour after hour of public testimony, virtually every speaker supported finding a way to keep Metro service.

The decision now lies with the Council. They may enact the charge, as **Executive Constantine** has proposed, or place the measure on the ballot for voters to decide. Or they may do neither and direct Metro to begin phasing in service cuts in February.

With no additional funding, we'll need to cut around 600,000 annual hours, or 17 percent of our current service, over the next two years—directly or indirectly affecting four out of five of our riders.

That's not a scenario we look forward to, but thanks in large part to the fine work done by our staff last year with the Regional Transit Task Force, we're now in a position to make these adjustments in a way that will be fair and efficient for our system as a whole.

The task force recommended a new approach to planning that emphasizes productive service that carries more people per hour, serving communities that depend heavily on transit, and distributing service fairly throughout the county. These recommendations have been incorporated into our new Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021, which was unanimously approved by the King County Council.

In "town hall" meetings in July at Metro worksites, I discussed our plans for achieving financial stability and service productivity. The questions, comments, and concerns I heard were enlightening and reaffirmed my faith in Metro's excellent and highly engaged staff.

This issue of *In Transit* is a testament to your excellence—starting with the contributions made by our 2011 Wall of Fame nominees and winners (see page 4). I extend my congratulations and sincere appreciation to all the nominees as well as the individual and team winners.

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Blackwell named 2011 VM Employee of the Year

Surrounded by family members, friends, and co-workers, **Steve Blackwell** was recently honored as the 2011 Vehicle Maintenance Employee of the Year. Blackwell is currently lead mechanic on the graveyard shift at Metro's East Campus.

Blackwell was hired by Metro in 1991 as an equipment service worker at Central Base. His talents soon became apparent, and he temporarily served as a mechanic for a year in 1992-1993. In late 1993, he was one of only three people chosen for a coveted apprenticeship program. After completing it in 1997, he became a relief lead at North Base, where he worked for the next 12 years. Peers selected him as Employee of the Shake-up in June 2002 and June 2010, and he was recently promoted to lead mechanic.

Here are some comments about Blackwell from co-workers: "(He) is very knowledgeable and always willing to help others."... "He's here every day...has great attendance and can work on any fleet of buses."... "(He) never dusts people off; he always takes time to say 'Hi, how are you doing?'"... "We love his laugh!"

VM employees of the shake-up are chosen by VM employees from each base, the Non-Revenue Vehicle group, and the Component Supply Center. At the end of the year, those chosen select one of their own as the VM Employee of the Year.



Steve Blackwell, right, shares a laugh with Metro General Manager Kevin Desmond after being named VM Employee of the Year.

VM Employees of the Shake-up (February 2011)

Atlantic Base: **Victor Vogelsang**
Bellevue Base: **Ted Athisairakul**
Central Base: **Mike Murphy**
Component Supply Center: **Bart Hedlund**
East Base: **Jeff Gravel**
North Base: **Jamie Bonnar**
Non-Revenue Vehicle: **Crystal Royce**
Ryerson Base: **Derek Harris**
South Base: **Chris Burns**

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RapidRide B Line

B Line buses have the same overall design as A Line buses, but have slightly different features: a different front end, new stainless-steel panel seating, and a new passive wheelchair restraint system.

While the buses are being readied for service, East Base Operations

Training staff members are busy training more than 200 B Line operators in RapidRide special operating procedures, the B Line route, and the features of the new buses. The training program has 1.5 hours of classroom training and 1.5 hours of bus and route training, and covers the different RapidRide fare payment system and the role of fare enforcement officers.

SHORT SHOTS IN TRANSIT

News briefs in and around the Transit Division

■ **Planner connects with next generation** — Transit Planner **Ted Day** (Service Development) was featured recently in the Issaquah Press as a former transit prodigy who is now passing on his knowledge and passion for public transportation to the next generation. Day met with Matthew Neisius, an Issaquah High School sophomore whose interests mirror Day's at the same age. The article is available online at www.issaquahpress.com/2011/05/31/transit-prodigy-mentors-the-next-generation/. Day was also featured on the front page of the Seattle Times on July 14, as columnist Erik Lacitis updated a piece he did on Day in 1982 (http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/localnews/2015603329_busprodigy14m.html).

■ **Metro shows its pride** — On June 26, volunteers from Transit Human Resources, Operations, and Vehicle Maintenance, along with friends and family members, decorated a RapidRide bus and walked beside it in Seattle's Pride Parade, a celebration of diversity and equality. They handed out free-ride tickets as well as flyers about the new B Line service that will start in October.

■ **Preliminary findings out on trolley bus evaluation** — The Trolley Bus Replacement Evaluation study, prompted by the 2009 Transit Performance Audit, is a detailed comparison of electric trolley and diesel hybrid technologies on a range of factors including cost, energy, and environmental effects. The preliminary results, which favor electric trolleys over diesel hybrids, will be used in preparing Metro's 2012-2013 budget.



Executive Constantine chats with Transmission Specialist Ted Herron (partly hidden) and Apprentice Mechanic Eric Miller.

■ **Constantine visits South Complex** — On July 6, King County Executive **Dow Constantine** and Deputy Executive **Fred Jarrett** visited the Metro Transit Safety and Training Center and the South Base Vehicle Maintenance and Component Supply Center. They saw King County Sheriff's officers practicing pursuit immobilization maneuvers, got a close-up view of an On Board System installation, and toured the Component Supply Center, viewing work areas such as the electrical and upholstery shops. They also reviewed the StarTrans van and its recent modifications.

■ **New all-electric vehicles arrive** — The first 11 of 20 all-electric Nissan LEAF vehicles have been delivered to Rideshare Operations at the Redmond Van Distribution Center. Staff members are testing the new vehicles, learning about them, and preparing them for revenue service. Three charging stations have been installed at this location.

■ **Cars shine through the rain** — The 23rd annual King County Employee Car Show was held June 18 in conjunction with the 35th Metroadeo at Metro's

Safety and Training Center. Retiree **Donald Williams** took first place with his 1956 Chevrolet half-ton pickup (see photo). Second place went to **Fiona Frisch** (South Base VM) for her 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1, and **Ravi Ronser** (Central Base operator) took third place with a 2000 Ford Mustang. The Metro Employees Historic Vehicle Association (MEHVA) sponsored the show, and volunteers from the Component Supply Center (Body Shop and Paint Shop) and Facilities Maintenance (Carpentry Shop) created the winners' trophies.



Donald Williams' winning 1956 Chevy.

■ **Ride in style to Snoqualmie Railroad Days** — On Sunday, Aug. 21, the Metro Employees Historic Vehicle Association (MEHVA) is offering a scenic four-hour ride on a vintage Metro Transit bus to Snoqualmie to celebrate Railroad Days, an event honoring the town's railroading and logging origins. Participants can ride the train from a restored 1890 depot, visit spectacular Snoqualmie Falls, or have a picnic lunch. Buses will depart at 11 a.m. from Second Avenue S and S Main Street. The fare is \$5; children 5 years old and under ride free. For more info, call 206-684-1816 or visit www.mehva.org.

Metro's 2011 Wall of Fame

Metro has named 15 individuals and seven teams to its Wall of Fame, which recognizes employees who demonstrate exemplary work on behalf of internal and/or external customers. *In Transit* congratulates

these nominees (see page 5) on joining the Metro Transit Wall of Fame family.

From this large and deserving group, Metro management had to name only two individuals and one team as our agency's 2011 Wall of Fame "winners."

These will become the newest inductees to the Washington State Department of Transportation Wall of Fame at a special ceremony during the state Transit Symposium and Vendor Expo in Kennewick on Aug. 22.

WINNERS

Megan Dauber

Metro Transit Police



Megan Dauber

In the past year, Detective Megan Dauber accomplished two major, back-to-back projects: she authored a new suspension policy and helped the Downtown Seattle Transit Tunnel make the transition from one security contractor to another after a high-profile assault brought Metro under public scrutiny. Dauber reviewed and revised tunnel security procedures, answered questions, and solved problems as they arose during the transition. The transition was flawless, media coverage and public outcry were quelled, and the tunnel returned to normal use and activity. Both of these two successful projects lay outside the normal scope of Dauber's duties, and her successes demonstrate her diverse skills and knowledge as well as her value to this organization.

Pat Schiermeyer

Power and Facilities



Pat Schiermeyer

Power and Facilities Business and Finance Officer Pat Schiermeyer is known for his unselfish support of others, even when it increases his workload or comes at an inconvenient time. To help his group work leaner and smarter, he studied Power and Facilities' purchasing needs and developed zero-based functional budgets, resulting in a more efficient and effective use of section resources. He also developed a detailed business model based on functional activities, a format now used by all Transit sections to prepare the division plan. Schiermeyer reviewed section reports and spending plans, interviewed supervisors, and compiled the information into a concise, meaningful package. After 30 years, Pat will soon retire—but says, typically, that he will stay until the 2013 revised budget is completed. He will be missed.



(Left to right) **Jana Wright, Jim Jacobson, Katie Chalmers, Victor Obeso, Colette Flanagan, Stephen Hunt, Lisa Shafer, David Hull.** (Not pictured) **Chris Arkills, Ted Day, Jeremy Fichter, John Resha.**

Regional Transit Task Force Support/Strategic Plan team

For more than a year, the members of this team supported a planning process that redefines Metro's priorities. Working with the Regional Transit Task Force, the team helped develop new policies and guidelines that will direct Metro's service changes for years to come. Using the guidelines that emerged from the task force's effort, the team produced Metro's new Strategic Plan for Public Transportation 2011-2021 and Service Guidelines. They produced intelligent and informed presentations, discussions, and supporting materials that have earned high praise, helping others make better, more informed decisions and recommendations. These new policies will strengthen Metro's services by achieving better balance between productivity, financing, and service quality without sacrificing the system's capacity to meet the needs of King County's present and future customers.

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General Manager

I also commend the team that brought home the Grand Champion award from the 2011 APTA International Roadeo and our recent Metroadeo winners (see page 6). Another employee standout is the 2011 VM Employee of the Year (see page 2). And our Kudos section (page 6) lists even more achievements.

I thank each and every one of you for your past and continued contributions to Metro's successes. Whichever path we find ourselves on in a few weeks, I know you will continue to make me proud.

—Kevin Desmond, General Manager

NOMINEES

Individuals

Joy Baldrige, Transit IT
John Balmer, Operations
Deborah Brockway, Sales and Customer Services
Mike Cechvala, Service Development
Mike Collins, Power and Facilities
Sgt. Megan Dauber,* Metro Transit Police
Sandra Dodge, Light Rail
Lisa Durst, Service Development
Janey Elliott, Paratransit/Rideshare Operations
Gail Israelson, Metro Transit Police
Jean Kattar, Operations
Chris O’Claire, Service Development
Pat Schiermeyer,* Power and Facilities
Marilyn Toth, Design and Construction
Mayre Washington, Sales and Customer Services

Teams

CITRS/LCC/TCC Alerts

KCDOT Communications – Linda Thielke
Light Rail – Ian Bennett, Jeff Craig, Jim Dunn, Tom Jones, Brad Kittredge, Keith Sherry, Kevin Winter
Sales and Customer Services – Cabrina Bell, Mark Bilodeau, Deborah Brockway, Brian Carr, Paul Gilkes, Mark Gorow, Deborah Johnson, Terrie Kennedy, Michael Landon, Lisa Muhammad, Ben Ost, Saravanan Thangavelu, Gayle Torgerson, Bob Virkelyst, Terry White

Component Supply Center Management – Don Goodwin, Heather Kilborn, Jim King, Brian Knesal, Stan Lillquist, Lynn Matteoni, Bill Midget, Peter Vrinceanu, Terry Williams, Jack Woodworth

Division Operations Center Setup

General Manager’s Office – Christine Anderson
Operations – Carol Alexander, Abdul Alidina, Rudy Allen, Jan Berlin, Chris Bridgeman, Mark Freitag, David Magidman, Jeff Wamsley

Regional Transit Task Force Support/Strategic Plan*

Council Staff – John Resha
Executive’s Office – Chris Arkills
General Manager’s Office – Jim Jacobson
Service Development – Katie Chalmers, Ted Day, Jeremy Fichter, Colette Flanagan, David Hull, Stephen Hunt, Victor Obeso, Lisa Shafer, Jana Wright

Street Crimes Unit

Metro Transit Police – Sergeant Tom Flanagan and Detectives Jason Escobar, Woody Garrison, Steve Johnson, Gabe Morris, Steve Pope, Andy Schwab

Trolley Evaluation Facilitation

Service Development – Katie Chalmers, Chris O’Claire

Vanpool Formations

Paratransit/Rideshare Operations – Trisha Bull, Jan Dahl, Diane Davis, Jason Halvorson, Jabari Hampton, Marcia Huie, Emily Nutsch, Julie Paone, Gail Tanaka

*Individual and team winners

Performance corner



Ridership is growing again!

After declining for two years, passenger boardings on Metro Transit buses are up again.

Boardings between January and May of this year were 2.4 percent higher than in the same period last year after annual declines in 2009 (1.9 percent) and 2010 (6 percent) that followed our peak in 2008.

Most of the decline during these years was due to job loss. In King County, jobs fell by over 5 percent in 2009 and almost another 2 percent in 2010. With recent employment gains in 2011, more people are using Metro for their commutes.

Ridership started taking off as the price of gasoline in Seattle spiked to about 30 percent higher than a year earlier. Many drivers switched to Metro to save money. Even though Metro fares increased in January, average weekday ridership is now about 5 percent higher than a year ago.

Service enhancements are also leading to increased ridership. In the first five months of 2011, the new RapidRide A Line attracted nearly one-third more boardings per weekday than did the old Route 174, which it replaced. A restructuring of service around Link light rail also led to ridership gains on some existing routes in the area.

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KUDOS

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East Base employees enjoy the fruits — and other goodies — of their success in improving safety.

■ **East Base celebrates safety award** — An all-day cookout at East Base on May 17 celebrated the base's victory in the 2010 Base Safety Contest. The base, which is part of Metro's Eastside Campus, had 18.6 percent fewer accidents in 2010 than in 2009.

■ **Good first showing at International Rail Rodeo** — Metro employees **Bryan Mathews** (Rail Operations) and **Brian Shupe** and **Anthony Martin** (Rail Vehicle Maintenance), along with counterparts from Tacoma Link, represented Sound Transit Central Link at its inaugural participation in the American Public Transportation Association's International Rail Rodeo, held June 11 in Boston. Operating unfamiliar heavy commuter rail equipment, Mathews turned in an excellent score to finish in sixth place overall in the operations competition. Shupe and Martin tied for first place in four maintenance events, earning fourth place overall in

the maintenance competition. Metro's Rail Section had a combined fifth place finish, a very good showing for a first-time entrant. Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent **Evan Inkster** said, "I couldn't be more proud of our staff who participated in the APTA International Rodeo! I am once again reminded of the caliber of employees we have here."



Metro operator **Bryan Mathews** and **Carol Unkrur** from Tacoma Link check out a heavy rail car at the International Rail Rodeo.

■ **In Motion wins national award** — Metro's Southeast Seattle In Motion program has won the Public Relations Society of America's national Award of Excellence. In a field of 852 other public and private campaigns, the program was recognized in the Community Relations category for its effective outreach to persons with limited English skills during the concurrent introductions of Link light rail, Metro service restructures, and the use of ORCA to pay fares. Partnering with local organizations, Metro helped many non-English-speaking people in southeast Seattle learn how to use the new services. In Motion encourages residents to use healthier

travel options like the bus, carpooling, bicycling and walking. It has racked up successes in more than 20 King County neighborhoods, with six more projects underway this summer.

■ **Central Base honored for supporting military service** — On April 14, the Washington Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve recognized Central Base with an award for Metro's support of employees serving as members of the National Guard and military reserves. Vehicle Maintenance Manager **Randy Winders** and Assistant Manager **John Alley** presented the award plaque to Superintendent **Elie Kourdahi**. The committee, established by the Department of Defense, commends civilian employers whose personnel policies support the military service of their employees. Staff Sergeant **Frederick Pine**, a Central Base mechanic, submitted the nomination for the award, which is on display at Central Base.

■ **2011 Metroadeo results** — The 35th Annual Metroadeo was held on Saturday, June 18, at the Training and Safety Facility in Tukwila. **Tammy Klein** of Atlantic Base placed first in the Operator Division. Klein, who also won in 2009, will represent Metro in August at the Washington State Rodeo in Kennewick, and will participate in the APTA International Bus Rodeo in Long Beach, Calif., next May. Six-time winner **Michael Grady** of East Base placed second in the division, and **Tom Ponischil** of South Base took third place. East Base operator **Alison West** placed first in the Maverick Division, and **Ryan Stringfellow** of Atlantic Base won the Non-Operator Maverick

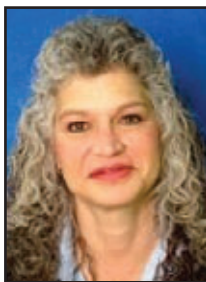


First-place Metroadeo winner Tammy Klein, center, is flanked by Michael Grady (left), and Tom Ponischil (right), second- and third-place winners, respectively.

Division. **Paul Tefft** of Atlantic Base was named best first-time competitor, and **David Coyle**, also of Atlantic Base, had the most-improved score.

■ **Passengers praise operator** — As the February shake-up drew to a close, 17 regular passengers of an early-morning Route 358 trip signed a letter expressing their appreciation of operator **Damian Cordell**, who was moving on to another assignment. The letter cited Cordell for "...the most reliable on-time service any of us, although long-time transit riders, have had the pleasure to benefit from. He is friendly, calm and engaged with his passengers. He is also protective and safety conscious."

Supervisor honored — **Catherine Bellipanni** has been named Spring 2011 First-Line Supervisor of the Shake-up. In eight years in the Operations Training Section, Bellipanni has developed into a master Trolley instructor, receiving frequent praise from her students. In the past year, she completed her third stint as acting chief of the Training Section, having handled training issues related to the moves of some East Base routes to Central Base



Catherine Bellipanni

and some North Base routes to Ryerson Base. At the same time, she also implemented a new process for qualifying System Board Operators. She was part of the team that developed the "Diffusing Hostile Situations" class, now a critical part of Transit training. "Catherine is one of our 'go-to' instructors," said (retired) Supervisor of Training **Doug Johnson**. "She is well-respected by her peers and transit operators."

Transit operators of the month

June 2011

Atlantic Base: **Earl Riley**
Central Base: **Ralph Klein**
Eastside Campus: **Albert McCaleb**
North Base: (declined)
Ryerson Base: **Robert Abeyta**
South Base: **Dwayne Alexander**

July 2011

Atlantic Base: **Whitney Turner**
Central Base: **Lisa Randle**
Eastside Campus: **Steven Cook**
North Base: **Bruce Kennedy**
Ryerson Base: **Charity Weller**
South Base: **William Saari**

Service award achievements



In Transit congratulates the following employees on completing **35 years of service** in the third quarter of 2011:

Information Technology:
Tom Friedman
Operations: **Daniel Daily and Nancy Lambert**
Sales and Customer Services:
John Steers
Service Development:
Jim Arrowsmith
Vehicle Maintenance:
Richard Eibey

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On the Move

Jamal McCullers, transit electronic communications specialist (term-limited) — June 1
Brandon Miller, seasonal maintenance worker — May 23
Jim Mueller, radio and communications system specialist — May 5
Alex Noble, transit electronic communications specialist (term-limited) — May 31
John O'Connell, electrical constructor — May 16
Jimby Pelaez, seasonal maintenance worker — May 23

Rail

Timothy Jones, rail electrical worker — May 29
Tony Martin, acting rail vehicle maintenance chief (graveyard, second rotation) for Rob Blackburn (to manager, Tacoma Link)
Paul Pham, acting rail vehicle maintenance chief (graveyard, first rotation) for Rob Blackburn (to manager, Tacoma Link)

Sales and Customer Services

Timothy Mason, assigned customer information specialist — June 22
Dominic White, assigned customer information specialist — June 22

Transit IT

Randy Boshart, project/program manager IV — June 20
Cindy Wang, application developer-journey (term-limited) — June 13

Transit Safety

Leah Alcyon, safety and health admin IV — May 23

Vehicle Maintenance

Ryan Anderson, mechanic — June 13
Beth Cheshier, administrative specialist III — June 13
Darren Diss, sheet metal worker — June 13
Casey Litz, technical information processing specialist III — May 16
Drew Marcell, mechanic — June 13
Fernando Ponce, mechanic — June 13
Kevin Soares, equipment painter — May 16

In Our Thoughts

Gordon Jenkins, utility service worker (Atlantic VM) passed away on July 25
Bill Maser, (retired), chief (Component Supply Center) passed away on June 23



ON THE MOVE

Transit Division retirements, promotions/job changes, new hires, and remembrances

Retirements

Operations

Evan Watkins, first-line supervisor (Service Quality) — June 3; 25+ years

Paratransit/Rideshare Operations

Lorraine Desrochers, rideshare risk specialist (Rideshare Operations) — August 31; 30 years

Inda Taylor, project/program manager III (Accessible Services) — June 30; 23 years

Power and Facilities

Roger Thedens, maintenance painter (S. Facilities) — July 1; 30+ years

Sales and Customer Services

Robert Coale, customer information specialist — July 29; 20 years

Vehicle Maintenance

Harvey Chin, mechanic (Bellevue VM) — July 31; 37+ years

Craig Clark, chief (South VM) — June 30; 32+ years

John Cole, equipment service worker (East VM) — June 13; 23+ years

Chuck Fuller, chief (Central VM) — June 3; 19+ years

John Jassman, chief (Ryerson VM) — July 19; 33+ years

Bette Lebens, administrative specialist III (South VM) — July 1; 25+ years

Promotions and Job Changes

Operations

Carri Brezonick to supervisor of training from supervisor of customer information (Sales and Customer Services); succeeds Doug Johnson (retired)

Jim Farris to base chief (Ryerson Base) from base chief (East Campus)

Power and Facilities

Hilario Credo to signage specialist from utility laborer — June 13

Rail

David Christensen to rail operator from transit operator (South Base)

Thomas Cross to rail operator from transit operator (Central Base)

Asia Gartrell to rail operator from transit operator (South Lake Union Streetcar)

Peter Gilkey to rail operator from transit operator (South Base)

Abdi Ibrahim to rail operator from transit operator (South Base)

Martin Kreutzer to rail operator from transit operator (North Base)

Douglas Lane to rail operator from transit operator (Atlantic Base)

Keith Sherry to rail communications superintendent from chief (Transit Operations)

Dorothy Stankowski to rail operator from transit operator (North Base)

Catherine Weaver rail operator from transit operator (East Base)

Sales and Customer Services

David Lantry from supervisor of commute trip reduction services (group moved to Service Development) to chief of information production and distribution services (Marketing and Service Information)

Vehicle Maintenance

Bob Bergman to acting chief from lead mechanic (Central VM)

Vern Brendle to chief (South VM) from chief (North VM)

Todd Brown to acting lead mechanic from mechanic (Atlantic VM)

Gary Fabian to equipment dispatcher from equipment service worker

Steve Kraus to equipment dispatcher from equipment service worker

Michael Marks to acting chief (East VM) from lead mechanic (Central VM)

Mo Mirza to chief (North VM) from chief (South VM)

Mihai Naziru to equipment dispatcher from equipment service worker (Atlantic VM)

Chris Parrott to chief (South VM) from chief (East VM)

Mark Wickline to acting transit maintenance analyst from lead mechanic (Central VM)

New Hires

Design and Construction

Jason Didis, project control intern — June 13

Operations

Bryon White, administrative specialist III (North Base) — July 5

Power and Facilities

Daniel Bartel, transit electronic communications specialist (term-limited) — June 13

Wilson Chambers, seasonal maintenance worker — May 23

Albert Cox, electrical constructor (term-limited) — June 7

Tina Daniels, seasonal maintenance worker — May 23

Brett Emry, seasonal maintenance worker — May 23

Geoff Gustafson, transit electronic communications specialist (term-limited) — May 31

Brad Hanson, transit electronic communications specialist (term-limited) — June 6

Kari Lathrop, seasonal maintenance worker — May 23

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